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THE BOY FARMER

Or a Member of the Corn Club

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SYNOPSIS.

Sam Powell, inspired by a government agent, plans to make a scientific farmer of himself and to compete for prizes awarded to the Boys' Corn Club.

Sam works hard cleaning up and fertilizing the wornout farm. Miles Fagan ridicules scientific farming, but lets his boy join the corn club.

While plowing out stumps Sam saves Joe Watson's life. Sam plans his contest acre of corn and other crops and the stocking of his farm with cattle.

He prunes and sprays the old trees of the orchard, improving them greatly, and his successful farming astonishes Miles Fagan and other slow going neighbors.

CHAPTER V.

THE spring and summer—in fact, the whole year was a very busy one for Sam. And it was not less so for Florence and Mrs. Powell. Florence often helped her brother when the work crowded, and Mrs. Powell put in all her spare time in the garden, melon patch and orchard.

On the contest acre Sam was forced to do all the work himself. The rules were strict on this point, and after Sam's patch had been laid off and measured by a committee he himself planted the corn and no one else struck a lick in its cultivation.

Sam's first planting was the Irish potatoes. He bedded up an acre, dragged down the beds almost flat and planted them early in March. Next came the contest acre, and when that was finished he planted four more acres in corn, making five in all, then turned to the cotton.

Next came the cane, and Sam sowed this broadcast and very thick, for he wanted to make hay of it. If the stalks grow large and stiff it doesn't make good hay.

The young farmer wound up the first round of planting by sowing the orchard in rye. His idea was to let no bit of ground lie idle, but to keep something growing on it instead of weeds.

The weed problem was a pretty hard one for Sam, so many had gone to seed on the place. But he determined that not one should make seed this year. So he was the busiest farmer in the whole community. He plowed and hoed constantly, but it was mostly plowing, for Sam soon learned that hoeing is a mighty slow way to kill weeds and grass compared with plowing.

People passing along by the Powell place marveled at the clean, well cultivated little farm. But Sam considered other needs of the crops besides cultivation.

The soil of the place was not nearly so poor as the neighbors had said it was—not even so poor as Sam had thought. The trouble was that the surface of the ground had merely been scratched, and he had remedied this by thorough cultivation. Still the crops lacked something, and he found that each acre had certain qualities. As he studied the farm he began to see that each bit of land was strong in certain ways and weak in others.

There was no time to have soil analysis made this year, but he began to study closely the wild vegetation and trees growing about and to read the bulletins and the book he had bought on "How Crops Grow." It wasn't an easy subject by any means. Sam read and reread the book and finally went over it slowly and studied it page by page. Pretty soon he knew nearly as much about the soil he was cultivating as any expert could have told him. Here is what he learned about soil fertility:

Acid in soil that causes crops to fire and die is indicated by sorrel growing on the land. Acid can easily be detected also by getting a slip of blue litmus paper for a nickel at the drug store and pressing it in a ball of the soil. If it turns red there is acid. An application of lime cures this.

Crops and plants of all kinds are fed by several elements of the soil, but there are three more important than the rest—nitrogen, potash and phosphoric acid.

Nitrogen forms the leaves of plants—that part of the plant body which breathes.

Potash makes the trunk, stalk and tuber of plant or tree.

Phosphoric acid reproduces—sets the blooms and makes abundant seed and fruit.

Sam learned these things from reading. But when he knew them, all he had to do was to look about the farm and learn more things by observation.

Where trees grew or had grown well he knew that potash was plentiful. If leaves were rank, nitrogen was abundant. If flowers formed and fell off the plants before they should be knew the soil needed phosphoric acid.

Finally the young farmer formed what he had learned into nine rules and wrote them down in the back of one of his books, as follows:

"1. Nitrogen (or ammonia) encourages strong leaf, vine and bush growth."

"2. Potash makes firm tuber, bulb and seed."

"3. Phosphoric acid makes blooms set and seeds and seed pods form abundantly."

"4. If the wild growth on your farm is profuse and your tomatoes and melons rot—"

"5. If trees do not thrive, onions seem soggy and tomato vines lack sturdiness of stalk the soil needs potash."

"6. If your tomatoes, melons, grain and cotton fail to set plenty of seed and fruit phosphoric acid is called for."

"7. If you expect to take from your land a crop rich in leaf, as lettuce, increase the proportion of nitrogen in your fertilizer."

"8. If potatoes or onions are desired provide plenty of potash."

"9. If abundant corn, wheat, cotton bolls, melons, peaches, strawberries or tomatoes are wanted see to the phosphoric acid."

Sam made use of what he had learned in planting and cultivating his crops. He watched them closely, and if it seemed to him that any of them were not doing well he began to hunt and study out the cause.

Although he had fertilized all of the farm to some extent before plowing, he worked manure into the furrows when he planted his cotton and tried to give everything he planted the food it demanded to do its best. He found out that one good way to apply this food was to sprinkle it on the surface of the ground around the plants and work it in gently with hoe or rake.

Sam made a top application of this kind to his cotton when it was well advanced in the summer. The soil of the contest acre had been well fertilized in the beginning, but Sam didn't want that corn to lack for any of the elements it needed to make two big, long ears to each stalk and sometimes three. He waited until it was just about ready to silk; then he went to town and bought 400 pounds of fertilizer. He had this mixed to suit himself, for he had figured out just what he thought the corn needed—so much nitrogen and so much phosphoric acid. With this fertilizer he went over each row of the acre, sprinkled it into the soil of the stalks and worked it into the soil.

Fine as the corn was before, it now showed still further improvement. In a few days it was in full silk, and it seemed to leap up on receiving the stimulating food around its roots. But Sam wasn't through with the acre yet. Every now and then he went over it with a plow, just skimming the surface to break up the crust that commenced to form. One month it was unusually dry, and the young farmer had a chance to see the good effect of this work. His corn kept its dark green color, and by scratching down two inches, just underneath the dust mulch, he found that the soil was perfectly wet.

Fagan's corn across the fence was burning and withering in the sun. Sam climbed over the fence one day and examined the soil. He found it baked hard on top, and when he took his knife and dug a little hole he had to go nearly six inches before he found the slightest moisture.

"That shows what conserving the moisture will do," he said to himself as he went back to his field. "I've plowed this acre a good many times, but it's been easy work and didn't take long to do it, because it's in good con-

dition. I may be mistaken, but I believe I'm going to make a lot of corn at mighty little cost on this patch."

Late in the summer, when the corn was almost made and when other farmers had long ago laid by their corn, Sam gave his contest acre a final plowing and sowed black eyed peas broadcast among it as he did so. He had done his best, and it remained to be seen whether other boys in his state could beat him.

But if Sam Powell was through with the one acre he wasn't through work by any means. In fact, he didn't have much time to think about the contest.

(Continued next week.)

PASSUMPSIC

A Large Attendance At Odd Fellows Memorial Service—Personals.

(Mrs. Vaun Wood, Correspondent.)
The church was filled to its capacity Sunday with Odd Fellows and Rebekahs and congregation to listen to the excellent memorial address given by Rev. G. H. Langford.

A large crowd from here attended the baccalaureate sermon at St. Johnsbury Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Adams and Mr. and Mrs. Elbridge Newman of Lyndon were at Mrs. Lilla Dow's Sunday.

The W. M. Club will meet with Mrs. E. M. Shepherd Saturday, June 12, at 2 P. M. At 3 P. M. the mothers are invited to attend as guests of the young ladies.

The Village Improvement Society will give a dinner Saturday at the Village Hall. The men of the village are going to build new side walks and fix the old ones.

Miss Julia Helen Bruce celebrated her fifth birthday Saturday with a party, having 15 of her young friends. Ice cream and cake were served and Little Miss Bruce received many gifts.

The Grace Mason Club will observe mother's day Thursday afternoon at the church vestry.

Mrs. Emma Wade and two children of Natick, Mass., are visiting her sister, Mrs. John Ray.

Miss Ethel McGill of Morganton, N. C., came home Friday night to spend the summer vacation.

Miss Marguerite Esden with 11 other school teachers motored to the Franconia Notch and Crawford Notch and returned by the way of Lisbon and Woodsville Saturday.

Mrs. Ethel Shepherd was nominated by the Sunday school as delegate to the Danville Baptist convention at Sheffield next week, June 14, 15 and 16.

Friends of Miss Pearl Moore daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Moore of Lynn, Mass., formerly of this place, was married to Robert Trotter of Lynn, Mass., formerly of Montreal, May 5. They will live in Lynn, Mass.

At the annual business meeting of the church the same board of officers were elected. They are as follows: Ushers, Elmer Lackie, James Somers, Harold Wood, Ernest Shepherd; church committee, J. D. Thynge, E. H. Miles, Frank Randall, James Somers; delegates to the convention, J. D. Thynge, Mrs. J. D. Thynge, Hannah Thurston and Mrs. J. H. Work.

Mrs. Alma Davis, who has been sick with tonsillitis is out again.

Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Pinney and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morgan motored to Fairlee Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bern Webb of Newport spent the day with Mrs. Susie Harvey.

Mrs. Eliza Vesty is visiting in Windsor as guest of her sister, Mrs. Minerva Gile.

Shepherd, Pomona Grange will meet with the Passumpsic Valley Grange June 18. The subject for discussion will be "What is the Grange and What is It For?" "Best Methods of Ridding the Farms of Pests." There will also be good music and other things of interest.

Mr. and Mrs. Vick Roberts of Newbury spent the day at Mrs. Cora Annis. She accompanied them home Sunday. Alexander Dunnett taking them in his auto.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Denio and family motored to Barton Sunday.

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Museum Notes.

The bird reports for the past week include two records for the Bohemian waxwings which are most rare in this locality. A locality of seven were seen in the East St. Johnsbury Cemetery on May 30 and a similar flock were reported from Lyndon on May 31. These waxwings make much the same hissing call, but they are larger birds and the white on their wings is larger and much more conspicuous. The other records are as follows: Black-billed cuckoo and rusty blackbird, May 25; nighthawk, May 24; parula warbler, May 27; blackpoll warbler, May 28; wood thrush and Acadia flycatcher, May 29; indigo bunting, May 31.

Twenty-six new specimens have been displayed on the flower tables, making record number 136. The calendar for the week is: Red oak, hawthorn, butternut, purple virgin's bower, star-flowered Solomon's seal, choke cherry, May 25; cypress spurge, false Solomon's seal, tumble mustard, tansy, mayweed, common wintercress, white barberry, swamp saxifrage and sarsaparilla, May 26; fruit of wild strawberry, May 27; alpine cotton grass, loose-flowered sedge, wood horsetail, large yellow lady's slipper, corn speedwell, moss pink, field or sheep sorrel, small sundrops, mountain fly honey suckle, purple avens and marsh buttercup, June 1.

May has been only three degrees colder than the average month of May, and the rainfall for the month, 2.01 inches, is somewhat under the usual amount. Some may recall the lack of rain last May when the total for the month was but .50 inches.

LOWER WATERFORD
(Mrs. G. A. Ballou, Correspondent.)

Mrs. Katherine Morrison is visiting in her son, S. J. Morrison, at St. Johnsbury.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Phillips and son, Sam, spent Saturday at Concord.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Morrison of Kinneer's Mills, P. Q., are visiting their daughters, Mrs. G. A. Stoddard and Mrs. Annie Morrison.

Mrs. Celia Farrington and E. E. Yaw of Cabot and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Yaw of Brookfield visited their sisters, Mrs. Emily Lewis and niece Cora Goss recently. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hide of Brookfield, were recent guests there.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Phillips and son, Sam, spent Saturday at Concord.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Morrison, Raymond Morrison and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Morrison, motored to Montpelier Sunday.

Joseph Morrison and Miss Esther Reed of Brockton, Mass., were married at her home Wednesday evening, June 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellie Miles and family of Passumpsic spent Saturday at S. W. Bonnett's.

WATERFORD
(Mrs. A. M. Sunbury, Correspondent.)

Jacob Richardson, Sr., who has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. C. A. Caswell, has returned to his home in Concord.

The rivermen have been at work here the past week and have moved down the river.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Harvey of Franconia were recent guests at E. C. Johnson's.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley McAnn and niece, Ada McAnn of Montpelier, N. B., and Mrs. Sue Howard of Concord were recent callers at A. M. Sunbury's.

Will Dodge and family were Sunday guests of relatives in Concord.

WEST DANVILLE
(Mrs. E. F. Ayer, Correspondent.)

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver McCosco spent last week in St. Johnsbury.

Miss Hattie Goss has finished her school in New Hampshire and is at home.

Miss Mary Ayer spent Saturday and Sunday at St. Johnsbury.

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